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FROM EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:

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Executive Chairman

Chennai Snake Park - Our Pongal Festival Grand



In Tamil Nadu, January month is a month of joy and celebrations. The four continuous days celebration occasion invite good number of visitors to our Park every year. This month's (January) footfall of visitors would be the highest when compare to other months in a year.

Our Park made use of the occasion to make our awareness messages to reach maximum number of the visitors through our 'play and learn program' (ring throw) and AR & VR shows. These programs not only help the visitors to learn while play but also bring good revenue to the Park through their participation fee from the visitors.

The 'kaanum Pongal' day is also celebrated as "Thiruvalluvar Day" in Tamil Nadu. We exhibited educative picture posters, depicting some Thirukkural stanzas which say about some unique behaviours of reptiles like Tortoise, crocodiles (see picture).

Our arrangements for the festival occasion yielded better results compare to last year (see the comparison table). The heavy rush for entry of visitors was made easy by arranging online ticketing and 'Barcode' payment of entry fee system.

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Occasion – Pongal Holidays	No. of visitors -2025	No. of visitors - 2026
Bogi	896	893
Pongal	1735	2318
Maattup Pongal	3116	3732
Kaanum Pongal	4095	4427
Total	9842	11370



(Visitors during the Pongal days at Chennai Snake Park viewing the reptile enclosures.)



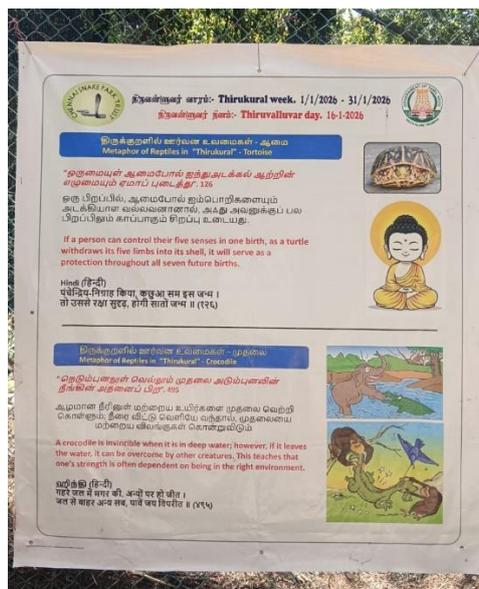
(Visitors during the Pongal days at Chennai Snake Park viewing the reptile enclosures.)



(Poster with Thirukkural exhibited in the Saltwater Crocodile enclosure.)



(Public viewing the posters in the enclosures of Indian Star Tortoise.)



(Poster on reptiles in Thirukkural exhibited in the Chennai Snake Park.)



(Visitors actively participated in ring through game in the Chennai Snake Park.)



(Visitors eagerly seeing A.R.Show in the Chennai Snake Park.)

A VISITOR SURVEY IN CHENNAI SNAKE PARK :

Visitor surveys are a best tool to assess the visitor's inputs for better management of zoo. The visitors impute are vital parameter to improve the exhibits, signage and awareness programmes.

Dr.J.Subramanean, Project Scientist of Chennai Snake Park conducted visitors survey during the first week of March 2024. His findings are published in the Chennai Snake Park Trust's journal *Cobra* Vol.XVIII Issue I&II,2024.

The most of the visitors are visited along with family (62%) followed by the school groups friends' groups (17%) and the lowest groups is college groups (1%). among 100 visitors surveyed, 78 persons are first time visitors (78%) and rest of them are second or many time visitors. The most of the visitors who visited the Park are from the Tamil Nadu (77%) followed by Andhra Pradesh (5%), West Bengal (5%) and Karnataka (4%). For more findings, please read the paper in Chennai Snake Park Website: www.chennainsnakepark.in (Publication section).

Chennai Snake Park Campus- Single use plastic ban area

Single use plastic is prohibited inside the Chennai Snake Park in practice from few years. The recent communication from the Tamil Nadu Tourism dept. emphasise to take strict action to be taken to ban on single use plastics in the tourism areas. Based on the communication strict action was taken from the month of January 2026 to ban on the single use plastic inside the Snake Park campus. Special instruction was given to closely monitor the visitors not littering the single use plastics inside the Park and also confiscate the plastic from the Visitors while inside the Park. The visitor's information was displayed in front of the Park.



(Display board on single use plastic ban)



(Display board on single use plastic ban)

TRUSTEE'S NOTE :

Dr.V.Kalaiarasan, Trustee of Chennai Snake Park was invited as a guest on 21st Jan 2026 for the Training program conducted by the Tamil Nadu Fire Service and Rescue department for the newly recruited Station officers conducted at Redhills, Chennai.

DIRECTOR NOTE :

During the January,2026, the Park had 40,993 Visitors (31,005 Adult and 9,988 Children).

Feedbacks from Visitors:

The visitors of the Chennai Snake Park who visited during January 2026 have given feedback in Google Business. Total 76 visitors reviewed and have given comments. Out of 76 visitors, 39 visitors have given 5star (51.31 %), 17 visitors have given 4star (22.36%), 14 visitors have given 3star (18.42 %), and 2 visitors have given 2 star (2.63 %) and 4 visitors have given one star (5.26%). Few feedbacks are pertaining to adjacent Children's Nature Park.

BIOLOGIST'S NOTE:

On 9th Jan 2026, Forest Range officers -Trainees from Odisha visited Chennai Snake Park as part of South India Study Tour of FRO Trainees of 2025-2027 Batch, Odisha Forest Rangers' College, Angul. Total 44 Forest Rangers were headed by Smt.Sudhashree-A.C.F, Odisha. Ms.Mirdhula Kamaraj, Biologist-CSPT held an interactive session with the Forest Rangers and took the rangers around the park explaining about the reptiles of CSPT.



(Forest Range Officers trainees-Odisha interacts with Ms Mirdhula.K, Biologist-CSPT.)



(Group photo: Forest Range Officers trainees-Odisha with Smt.Sudhashree-A.C.F, Odisha and Ms Mirdhula.K, Biologist-CSPT.)

Visits of Little Champs :

On 28th Jan 2026, primary Students from “Guru Shree Shanti Vijay Jain Vidyalaya”, Vepery around 168 students visited CSPT and enjoyed visiting the park. And more than 80 primary students of “Therabandh Jain Vidyalaya, Sowkarpet visited the park.



(Students of Guru Shree Shanti Vijay Jain Vidyalaya.)



(Students of Therabandh Jain Vidyalaya, Sowkarpet.)



(More than 200 Students of Therabandh Jain Vidyalaya, Sowkarpet on 30th Jan 2026.)

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM:

Ms.Sahasra Sridhar a grade 11 student worked as a Volunteer with Chennai Snake Park Trust from 31st Dec 2025 to 5th Jan 2026 (5 days) engaging with the Enrichment of Reptile enclosures such as Indian Star Tortoise, American Green Iguana, Dog Faced Water snake and have also engaged in assisting for Feeding activities of selected reptiles and Behavioural Observations were taken by the student under the guidance of Biologist Ms.Mirdhula.K.



TIDBITS



(Newspaper cutting from Dinakaran Chennai published on 18th Jan as part of Pongal Festival Tourism and visits at Chennai highlighted the Iguana garden enclosure from Chennai Snake Park Trust beautifully observed by the public. (The last picture)

Recent Public Review about Chennai Snake Park appeared in the Google Business Profile :



[Manish Kumar Srivastava](#)

Local Guide • 57 reviews • 88 photos

*****5 days ago New

Nice with reasonable ticket price



[Akshaya Kumar.U](#)

Local Guide • 15 reviews • 2 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Ok for kids [View full review](#)

[Veena RRao](#)

Local Guide • 316 reviews • 128 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Has a wide variety of snakes. Must watch for people visiting Chennai. However they don't have the shows anymore (since COVID it seems).



[Srigurudeva Srigurudeva](#)

Local Guide • 18 reviews • 6 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New : நமது (குழந்தைகளுக்கு) நேரம் செலவழிக்க மிகவும் பொழுதுபோக்கு இடம் [View full review](#)



[KADHAL KOMALI](#)

Local Guide • 44 reviews • 6 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Very entertaining place There have so much snakes varieties ... And lizard and crocodiles.... You can touch the turtle and lizard.... Because there have one cage room I personally enjoyed [View full review](#)



[R A J vines](#)

Local Guide • 88 reviews • 74 photos

*****2 weeks ago New

This snake park was a really awesome experience. The entry line was very smooth and easy, even on a weekday, and the... [View full review](#)



[Hari Manne](#)

Local Guide • 34 reviews • 26 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Worth a visit if you are in the area [View full review](#)



[Thaheera Hafsa](#)

Local Guide • 81 reviews • 128 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New :Established with diverse Indian and exotic snakes, crocodiles, turtles, and lizards, serving as a crucial center ... [View full review](#)



[B Theodore](#)

Local Guide • 28 reviews • 25 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Very interesting and amazed



[Prema Arputharaj](#)

5 reviews • 0 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Was a wonderful experience [View full review](#)



[Srinivasan Hanumantha Rao](#)

Local Guide • 57 reviews • 86 photos

***** 2 weeks ago New

Good place to visit nearby and more informative too. Just that the public parking space could be more organised to ease... [View full review](#)



[II maths 024 Kundangnanesh](#)

Local Guide • 38 reviews • 57 photos

***** 3 weeks ago New : Must watch with family and friends..

Adult - 30 rs... [View full review](#)



[Ankit Jamle](#)

Local Guide • 33 reviews • 1 photo

***** 4 weeks ago New

Must visit snake park and see many snake species



[Puja Magar](#)

6 reviews • 0 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

Good for site -seeing... [View full review](#)



[Gokul S](#)

Local Guide • 23 reviews • 20 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

Lots of snakes unknown and known to us are there to visit



[Pallab Bhattacharjee](#)

Local Guide • 35 reviews • 38 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

Small but effective



[aneesh vojjala](#)

Local Guide • 2 reviews • 2 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

Nice park for children's [View full review](#)



[subramanian sabapathi](#)

Local Guide • 156 reviews • 104 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

Lovely place for children in the heart of the city. They could have more colourful flowering plants. [View full review](#)



[Dhanushkodi Raja](#)

Local Guide • 66 reviews • 94 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

Best place to visit with children, located in heart of city easy appraisal facilities are available



[Vijayalakshmi .J](#)

4 reviews • 1 photo

***** 4 weeks ago New: Nice



[Thams Prabu](#)

Local Guide • 36 reviews • 21 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

After 10 year it beedn a delightful experience..... Enjoyable place for kids to explore



[Neela narayanan G](#)

Local Guide • 319 reviews • 171 photos

***** 4 weeks ago New

attractive.. [View full review](#)



[Shishir Singh](#)

Local Guide • 50 reviews • 8 photos

***** 4 weeks ago

Visited this park when I was a kid so couldn't resist the urge to visit again when I came to Chennai this time.... [View full review](#)



[damu reddy](#)

Local Guide • 31 reviews • 8 photos

***** 4 weeks ago

Good experience [View full review](#)



[D V](#)

Local Guide • 50 reviews • 7 photos

***** 5 weeks ago

Very well maintained and nice place. [View full review](#)



[Partheeban D](#)

Local Guide • 109 reviews • 612 photos

***** 5 weeks ago

Budget place to go with family with home food enjoy whole day



Dayanithi Govindan

Local Guide • 135 reviews • 623 photos

******* 5 weeks ago**

Important location to visit in Chennai. Excellent collection of snakes. Some Hindu people could make religious celebrations. Educationally important for all age groups. [View full review](#)